



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Hideki MATSUSHIMA et al. : Attn: Application Branch  
Serial No. 09/936,610 : Group Art Unit 2161  
Filed September 14, 2001 : Attorney Docket No. 2001\_1316A

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SERVICE PROVIDING APPARATUS AND  
METHOD THAT ALLOW AN APPARATUS  
TO ACCESS UNIQUE INFORMATION  
STORED IN TRANSPORTABLE RECORDING  
MEDIUM

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, line 5 of the specification:**

*AL*  
This application is a continuation-in-part under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of U.S. application Serial No.  
09/482,521 filed January 14, 2000 which is incorporated herein by reference.